

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: DIGITAL WATERMARK EMBEDDING METHOD, DIGITAL WATERMARK
EMBEDDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING A DIGITAL
WATERMARK

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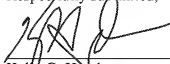
Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated October 2, 2006. The Reasons for Allowance merely loosely paraphrase the allowed claims, and therefore do not accurately restate the claimed invention. The claims should be understood on the basis of their express language, not on the Examiner's inaccurate, paraphrased, abbreviated description.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain

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Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed,” 1247OG111 (6/26/01), “a response to the examiner’s reasons for allowance” is an example of a paper that does “not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process” and is “not considered a ‘failure to engage in reasonable efforts’ to conclude processing or examination of the application.” Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated October 2, 2006.

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